

**Ben Franklin Week.**  
Greatest American, Bar One.  
Twelve Rules of Conduct.  
First-class Prayer.

—By ARTHUR BRISBANE—  
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In March, 1785, Benjamin Franklin was seventy-nine years old and Congress decided that he might return from his work in Europe. Thomas Jefferson, sent to carry on the work, asked if he replaced Franklin, replied, "No one can replace him, sir; I am only his successor."

What was true in Jefferson's day is true now. This country has produced no one to REPLACE Franklin.

When he was born, on the 17th of January, 215 years ago, a great power came into the world. There might have been no free United States without Franklin—without one exception, the greatest man that this Nation has produced.

The week of Franklin's birth is made a "thrill" week. That is not a bad idea for dull-minded people that see in Franklin nothing more important than his immature "Poor Richard" moralizing on pennies and pounds.

It would be better to celebrate Franklin's birthday with a THINKING week. This country needs thought more than it needs money.

Those that value the opinion of foreigners may take special pride in the impression created by Franklin wherever he went abroad. He appeared at the bar of the House of Commons to protest against the Stamp Act, caused its immediate repeal, and the great Burke said of Franklin, "simple-hearted, deep-thinking Quaker, standing at the bar, questioned by England's lawmakers, that the scene reminded me of a master examined by a parcel of schoolboys."

Franklin conquered England, mentally, when he went there; physically, when England came here, seeking to conquer. You cannot say as much of some other representatives that America has sent to England.

Balzac said of Franklin, Franklin invented the lightning rod, the hoop (le canard) and the republic. Franklin knew how to make the hoop useful and amusing. He wrote against slavery seventy-five years before it ended in this country. James Jackson of Georgia, quoted the Bible in defense of slavery. Franklin invented texts that never existed from the Koran and parodied each Bible text for black slavery with a Koran text supposed to have been used in Algeria in defense of Mohammedans holding Christian slaves.

In another Franklin bears the Count De Schumberg, who got English money for Hessian troops sold to fight American colonists, tells that he is planning "for a grand Italian opera, needs plenty of money, and hopes many Hessians will be killed to create a demand for American should read Franklin's autobiography, one of the few great autobiographies ever written. Avoid any silly, expurgated edition.

Improvement in human beings is caused by the strange desire to possess goodness for its own sake, which crops up in youth and usually dies early. Franklin had his attack of goodness. He often conquered it, as shown by the list of his illegitimate children, and other incidents, but fundamental goodness remained with him all his life.

Says he, "About this time I conceived the bold and arduous project of arriving at moral perfection. I wished to live without committing any fault at any time." Followed this large resolution he mapped out twelve rules of conduct. Here they are, condensed:

- 1—Temperance. Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
- 2—Silence. Speak not but what may benefit others than yourself.
- 3—Order. Let all your things have their places; each part of your business its time.
- 4—Resolution. Resolve to perform what you ought; perform what you resolve.
- 5—Frugality. Make no expense but to do good to others than yourself.
- 6—Industry. Lose no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off unnecessary actions.
- 7—Sincerity. Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly; speak accordingly.
- 8—Justice. Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
- 9—Moderation. Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
- 10—Cleanliness. Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes, or habitation.
- 11—Tranquility. Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
- 12—Chastity.

After he had made up his list of twelve rules, some friend told him that he was occasionally vain, so he added another rule.

- 13—Humility. "Imitate Jesus and Socrates."

This last rule is interesting, showing Franklin's ideal character; also because Franklin was not a believer in the divinity of Christ or much of a believer in any revealed religion. He was, however, fundamentally, a deeply religious man.

He wrote a short prayer, not easy to improve, addressed to God

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**WEATHER**  
Partly cloudy tonight and Monday; temperature near freezing tonight; colder Monday; increasing south winds. Temperature at 8 a. m., 28 degrees.

NUMBER 11,748.

**EXPECT BENGAL TO**

**"MAN O'WAR"**  
**DIES IN ACTION**

Famous District Fire Department Horse Killed Responding to Alarm.

**TRUCK COLLIDES WITH CAR**

Sergt. R. J. Holmes Injured in Crash—Driver A. A. King Has Narrow Escape.

Crepes draped the doors of No. 4 engine house, Four-and-a-Half street and Virginia avenue south while responding to an alarm of fire, horse in the District, pet of the entire department, and the only horse ever elected to membership in the American Red Cross, is dead.

He died "in action." He was killed by a street car, early this morning, while responding to an alarm of fire. In the same crash-up, Sergt. R. J. Holmes, in charge of the horse truck, Man o' War was helping to pull, was hurled to the street, with a broken leg, badly cut head and possible internal injuries.

**CREW HURLED TO STREET.**

The truck had both poles broken and was otherwise damaged, and several members of the crew were hurled to the street.

But the other two horses, wise with the knowledge that all fire horses seem to possess, stood stock still following the crash.

By so doing, they probably saved a human life. For Driver A. A. King had been hurled from his seat to the street, into the narrow space between the two animals. The latter had just turned to pass under the bridge when the crash occurred and they became excited. King undoubtedly would have been trampled to death. As it was, he escaped with a few bruises.

The fire which called out the truck was in a frame shack at Third and C streets southwest, extinguished before any firemen arrived. According to the men of No. 4, "the whole building wasn't worth one of Man o' War's shoes."

And those grim fire fighters, daring personal death without a thought, cried, unashamed, when Man o' War died. To them he was more than a horse. He was a pet—a friend—a pal.

**GAVE AGONIZING SCREAM.**

His death, too, was almost like that of a human. Struck squarely in the side by a street car, the truck turned to pass under the viaduct at Four-and-a-Half street and Virginia avenue, the big sortle staggered in a vain effort to keep his feet, and finally fell. Mortally stricken, there still remained in his animal brain the thought of duty, and painfully he tried to regain his

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Fire which started in the basement ate its way into All Saints' Church, in Chevy Chase, early this morning, destroyed the \$1,500 pipe organ, and then, finding a nest between the walls, blazed up until it had eaten a hole through the roof.

**LOSS IS \$3,000.**

Canon J. W. Austin and members of his fashionable congregation, coming to services, found firemen from three engine companies and one truck company still fighting the blaze. It was nearly noon before the fire was extinguished. The church will be closed for weeks before it can be repaired. The total damage is estimated at close to \$3,000.

The church is located on the northwestern curve of Chevy Chase Circle and Western avenue and Grafton street. The fire evidently started some time during the night, and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered.

A servant, coming to work in one of the big residences on the circle, saw the flames this morning, saw smoke hovering over the building. She looked again, and saw that instead of coming from a chimney, it was seeping from the roof. She telephoned an alarm to Engine Company No. 2.

**SECOND ALARM TURNED IN.**

When the firemen reached the church they found the interior so filled with smoke they were unable to tell the full extent of the fire.

Meanwhile, the clanging of the fire engine had brought a host of curious residents and servants from their breakfast tables. Some one pulled in another alarm, and engine company No. 21 and Fire Truck Company No. 12 responded.

Fighting their way through the smoke to the altar, the firemen were still unable to discover any blaze.

With the huge playing out the rich interior of the church, they began tearing down the walls.

The flames finally discovered themselves by bursting through the roof of the church in its rear. Nesting between the walls, they had eaten their way up in back of the altar, destroying the pipe organ as they grew.

Strangely enough, the altar itself was untouched by the blaze. Save for water from the fire hose it is undamaged.

**PEWS ARE UNDAUNTED.**

The same is true of the richly padded pews. Not one of them was touched by the fire.

There was a large portion of the interior walls had to be torn down by the firemen's hooks and axes, in order to get at the blaze. And the entire church interior is sodden with water from the hoses. The roof concentrated in its one narrow avenue.

**CONGREGATION VIEWS BLAZE.**

Members of the congregation and children coming for Sunday school arrived by scores while the firemen were fighting the flames. They stood about watching, convinced the entire building was doomed.

They were wrong. At 11 o'clock, the firemen declared the fire had been extinguished—although engine company No. 28 located the fire, removed a large portion of the roof.

Canon Austin, rector of the church, thanked the firemen. He said he was convinced that but for their prompt action, the entire building, containing the pipe organ, would have been destroyed.

**Troops Oust Strikers.**

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